Case 6:15-ap-01006-MW Doc 16 Filed 04/13/15 Entered 04/14/15 11:08:25 Desc Main Document Page 1 of 9 FILED 1 GARY S. HANN, pro se APR 1 3 2015 Debtor, Adversary Plaintiff 2 CLERIAU S. BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY: Deputy Clerk (175 Butterfield - NO MAIL!) 3 P.O. Box 711 Cathedral City, CA 92235-0711 4 734-480-4140 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - RIVERSIDE 10 11 12 IN RE HANN, GARY S. Case No. 6:14-bk-22067-MW 13 Debtor. 14 Chapter 7 15 GARY S. HANN, 16 Adv. No. 6:15-ap-01006-MW PLAINTIFF, 17 VS. 18 TIMELY MOTION FOR RELIEF AND/OR STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TO ALTER OR AMEND THE COURT'S 19 TREASURY, MARCH 26, 2015 ORDER DISMISSING ADVERSARY PROCEEDING 20 Defendant. 21 22 (HEARING DATE TO BE SET BY THE COURT) 23 24 JURY TRIAL DEMANDED 25 26 27 28 1

TO THE HONORABLE MARK S. WALLACE, UNITED STATES

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BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Now comes Debtor and Adversary Plaintiff Gary S. Hann, who continues to demand a jury trial and who deposes and says as follows:

THIS MOTION IS TIMELY UNDER RULES 59(b) and 60(b)

- 1. The Court's March 26, 2015 Order Dismissing Adversary Proceeding was entered on March 26. 2015 and served by E-mail.
- 2. Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 59(b) requires that a Motion to Alter or Amend be filed within 10 days; Rule 60(b) permits filing within a reasonable time period.
- 3. However, Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 6(a) declares that, when the "period of time prescribed is less than 11 days", intermediate weekends and holidays are excluded. This would normally mean that this Motion was due on April 9, 2015.
- 4. Further, though, Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 6(e) also requires adding 3 days when service was made by E-mail, as here. Debtor Hann believes the deadline would thus nominally be Sunday,

April 12, 2015, defaulting to the next business day the Court is open, Monday, April 13, 2015.

5. Plaintiff Hann does not have the luxury of filing electronically as do counsel and the Court; according to the settled holdings of the United States Supreme Court, pro se petitioners are to be given more latitude than highly trained litigants.

## JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

- 6. Pursuant to Fed.R.Bkr.P. Rule 7001(1), a proceeding to recover money, and 28 U.S.C. Section 1334(b), this Court has exclusive jurisdiction over this case which arises in and is related to Plaintiff's bankruptcy proceeding under Title 11 of the United States Code.
- 7. Plaintiff Hann is seeking through several adversary proceedings to recover \$25,000-\$100,000 or more in excess of his scheduled \$10,587 exemption; all such excess funds would absolutely be a part of the Bankruptcy Estate and subject to distribution by the Trustee.
- 8. Plaintiff Hann respectfully believes that the Court misapprehended Hann's purpose herein, and was not aware that Hann intends to obtain funds which may actually result in all Creditors

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being paid in full. Thus, the Court's general citation of In re Menk, a lengthy opinion with over 60 points of law, would not be applicable to this matter where, in properly scheduled Adversary Actions, there may be full restitution to Creditors.

- 9. This is a core proceeding and Plaintiff Hann consents to entry of final orders or judgment by this Court; Plaintiff Hann asserts standing to recover amounts due him for properly scheduled, preexisting civil proceeding claims; Trustee Anderson has now been notified of, and is currently considering, this and other of Plaintiff Hann's civil claims on their merits along with his assisting counsel Mr. Tom Polis, Esq.
- 10. Trustee Anderson has verbally agreed to opine on the merits of Plaintiff Hann's proposed Adversary Actions when he reaches a determination of their likelihood of recovering funds for distribution to the legitimate Creditors herein.

## DEBTOR HANN'S PURPORTED FAILURE TO APPEAR AT STATUS CONFERENCE

On March 26, 2015, Debtor Hann diligently left home with a half-hour to spare, leaving plenty of time to arrive at the

Court; an unexpected traffic accident on the highway slowed Hann

considerably.

of the party involved.

- 12. Nevertheless, Debtor Hann arrived at the door of Courtroom 225 at 9:10 AM on March 26, well within limits generally set by Judicial Forums to accommodate arrival issues not that fault
- 13. When Debtor Hann arrived, the Courtroom was locked tightly shut and nobody at all was present anywhere.
- 14. Defendant Counsel never informed Debtor Hann that Counsel has made prior plans to appear by telephone, and Defendant Counsel never contacted Plaintiff Hann until the 11th hour the day before the Hearing, despite the requirement to have a Rule 26(f) Conference at least 21 days in advance of the Hearing. Debtor Hann could have also taken advantage of telephone appearance had he been advised of the procedure.
- 15. It would be a Manifest Injustice to deny Debtor Hann his proper day in Court to address the great and continuing default of Defendant Michigan Department of Treasury herein.

MERITORIOUS GROUNDS UNDER RULES 59(e) and 60(b)

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- 16. To grant relief, Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 59(e) requires a manifest injustice, new evidence, and/or a legal misapprehension. All of these conditions, any one of which the Court at its discretion can cite to grant relief, have been pled and shown, supra.
- permits relief for 17. 60(b) Rule (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect, or (6) for any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the judgment.
- 18. There is no doubt that Debtor Hann was surprised, even astonished to be disenfranchised by an arrival at Court a 10 minutes after the mere scheduled Hearing, certainly constituting excusable neglect.
- 19. Further, Debtor Hann was surprised, to say the least, at the Court's own unnoticed Motion that it lacked subject matter Normally, even seasoned counsel have some prior notice to prepare a basis for objecting to a motion; here, Debtor Hann in pro se had none whatever.
- 20. Debtor Hann was further highly surprised by the Court's own unnoticed Motion that Hann lacked standing to file and pursue an adversary action. Part 7 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure govern adversary proceedings and make no reference whatever to any need to consult or advise the Trustee of an action.

- 21. The Court's Motion and determination regarding standing may have been based on the appearance that Debtor Hann was only seeking funds from one or two smaller adversary defendants.
- 22. However, Debtor Hann's Schedule B Personal Property, No. 21 clearly lists several important claims, and at the time of filing the value of these claims was not determinable. Further, Schedule C also lists these causes of action and in listing an exemption of only \$10,587.
- 23. The availability of claims in excess or in great excess of \$10,587 absolutely do become distributable property of the Bankruptcy Estate, a fact of which the Court was not fully advised at the time it issued its Order.
- 24. Debtor Hann has now taken pains to consult Trustee Anderson, and has been referred by the Trustee to an independent counsel Mr. Tom Polis, who will assist Trustee Anderson in evaluating Debtor Hann's significant adversary claims herein.
- 25. Consulting and advising the Trustee takes time and several sets of eyes; Debtor Hann believes that he can further the proper administration of justice and very possibly make all legitimate Creditors herein whole, thus exceeding the bar for relief set by Rule 60(b)(6).

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MORE	DEFINITE STATEMEN	T OF CAUSE OF ACTION	

26. Debtor Hann respectfully seeks the opportunity to provide a more definite Complaint in this particular proceeding, as provided in Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 15.

26. Defendant Michigan Department of Treasury has a Void Judgment against Debtor Hann, obtained in open and hostile violation of Debtor Hann's basic constitutional right to Due Process.

27. Nobody, particularly the State, has any authority to enter a judgment without providing the party an opportunity to be heard, and that denial, plus a clearly erroneous legal conclusion contrary to all settled legal opinion, was used by the State to cause great and continuing harm to Debtor and Adversary Plaintiff Hann.

## RELIEF REQUESTED

28. Debtor and Adversary Plaintiff Hann hereby requests that this Honorable Court forthwith find and order that:

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a) Debtor Hann is excused for being but 10 m to the Status Conference herein.	inutes late
b) Debtor Hann is granted an opportunity to the Court's unnoticed Motions made on Marc	
c) Debtors Hann's Answers to the Court's Jurisdiction, Standing and Abandon meritorious.	Į.
d) The Court's March 26, 2015 Order Dismissin Proceeding is hereby set aside pending the Trustee Anderson on the potential for recov for the Bankruptcy Estate in excess of the scheduled by Debtor Hann.	opinion of ering funds
PROOF OF SERVICE	
29. Today I, Gary S. Hann, served this E	Pleading on
Defendant Michigan Department of Treasury by first cla	ass US mail
at its address of record, and also personally served th	is Pleading
on the Clerk of the Court and on the Chambers of Ho	on. Mark S.
Wallace.	
Dated this 13th of April, 2015.  Gary 9. Hann, Debtor	